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Twenty-Eight Vessels Sunk and Sixty Damaged.

Fifty-Three Lives Lost—Details of the Wreck of the Carleton.

NEW YORK, Sept. 26.—The Nassau (N. P.) Guardian of the 12th instant reports the following losses by the recent hurricane in that vicinity: The schooner Melissa Trask was driven ashope at Norman's Cay, Ship Channel. Capt. Trask arrived here this afternoon in the ship's boat. Schooner Victor, hence to Jamaica, was wrecked near the Melissa Trask, and Mr. Charles Welch and a lady who arrived at Nassau in the last steamer from Belize and three men were drowned. The Mont Eagle is reported to be lost with all on board, a portion of her stern with name upon it having been picked up.

Sad accounts are being received from the out-islands. In Nassau harbor 17 schooners and 11 sloops were sunk, including the American schooner Mary Jane and Elizabeth, and one brig. Forty-six schooners and 14 sloops were damaged.

The government despatched the schooner Wanderer this afternoon to proceed to Ship Channel and other cays lying along the Exuman range to render succor and relief to any who may have been shipwrecked. The Guardian of September 15th says that 53 lives have been reported lost during the hurricane.

The following is the captain's statement of the loss of the Carleton: The Carleton left Nassau with the mails and 14 passengers for Iniqua and intermediate points on Tuesday morning, 4th inst., with a head wind. Friday afternoon sighted Little San Salvador and experienced a heavy thunder storm. Made the harbor of Little San Salvador at 3 p. m. for the night. At 10 o'clock the barometer had fallen four tenths and the passengers were informed that a hurricane was blowing. At 5 30 a. m. on Saturday the vessel dragged into deep water broadside to the wind lying off her beam from the pressure. Efforts were made to get her anchor in but failed. The port chain and anchor were let go and a drag made with a piece of scantling was thrown over but she would not come head to the wind. The starboard was then let go, the vessel still on her beam. Spars were then cut away and she righted sounding before the wind. The sea was heavy. At 11 o'clock sounding showed 8 fathoms. A few minutes after the Carleton was on the reef at the north side of Eleuthera, off Millars and the rudder was lost. The vessel then came off into 5 fathoms of water and struck again on her side where she remained broadside to the sea and bilged. Orders were given to get the boats ready for launching. As the passengers were not able to remain in the cabin on account of water covering the floor they were removed to the galley on deck. The large boat on the weather side was lowered for the purpose of taking off the passengers on the lee side and 12 persons got into her, when the oars were washed away and the boat went adrift being steered with a pierce of board. As soon as the boat parted a heavy sea washed the decks and upset the galley leaving the passengers without shelter, and the following sea washed the galley overboard.

At the time the only people on board belonging to the vessel were Capt. Dorsey, Jas. Darling, (cook) and Adam McKenzie, (seaman) who endeavored to get the other boat into the water, but while trying to do so a heavy sea swept the deck of passengers and everything on it except the captain, his two men and the boat to which the latter clung as it was was kept fast by by being under the rail of the vessel. The captain and his men finally succeeded in launching that boat and reaching the beach at Millars. The first boat gained the shore about five miles below.

At midnight a messenger from the light informed the captain that the first boat had reached the Bay and next morning the mate and two boys came to him. About midday seven bodies were reported to have drifted ashore seven or eight miles below, among them the wife of Rev. J. S. J. Higgs and Mrs. N. A. Anderson. An inquest was held and the bodies buried.

On Monday the bodies of Rev. J. S. J. Higgs and Nancy Simmons were recovered, when another inquest was held, and they also were interred. Rev. J. S. J. Higgs was for many years rector of the parish of San Salvador. Mr. N. A. Anderson had just been appointed acting resident justice at Long Island.

The Carleton was owned by Hon. R. H. Sayer of this city. The shipments to the out-islands were unusually large this voyage. All of the mails with the exception of the bags for San Salvador and Iniqua were recovered.

The passengers drowned were Rev J. S. J. Higgs, Mrs. Higgs, Mr. N. A. Anderson, wife and daughter, Nancy Simmons and two children, Elizaoeth Colebrook, Rosa Devereaux and child, and Amelia Young.

Steamer City of Alexandria, from Havana, reports that the storm broke at 1 p. m., on the 8th. All the wharf property of the city was destroyed as well as the sponge exchange and the market. About 100 frame buildings were blown down.

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